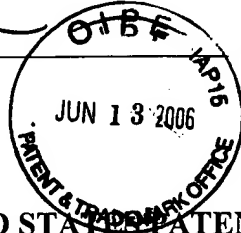


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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 10, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. A separate petition and fee for a one month extension of time to and through **June 10, 2006** is filed herewith. No other fee is believed due for the filing of this response. Please charge any other fee that is due, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0573.

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